

Elizabeth Warren to visit New Bedford to speak on climate change and natural disasters

Elizabeth Warren will be making her way over to New Bedford to discuss “how the funding she helped secure is ensuring the Port of New Bedford is protected from future impacts of natural disasters and climate change.”

Her office sent out this press release in regards to her activity for Wednesday, August 2nd:

On Wednesday, August 2nd, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) will visit Quincy and New Bedford. In Quincy, she will tour the Yawkey Housing Resource Center, ahead of its opening this Fall, to discuss their innovative development and the additional housing resources it will bring to the South Shore.

Warren will then visit the New Bedford Port Authority to discuss how the funding she helped secure is ensuring the Port of New Bedford is protected from future impacts of natural disasters and climate change. Senator Warren will be accompanied by local leaders to view the progress of these federally-funded projects.

Warren’s last appearance in New Bedford was in May touting \$400 million in new federal funding for electric school buses. We will be giving video coverage of Wednesday’s press event in New Bedford on our Facebook and Instagram page, the event is scheduled for 2:45pm.

Got game? New Bedford's 3v3 Basketball Tournament is almost here!

The New Bedford Parks & Rec are hosting a 3v3 Basketball Tournament this August 12th & 13th from 9am-5pm.

There will be a middle school division as well as a high school division and possibly a girls division if enough girl's register. It will be hosted at the Andrea McCoy Rec Center located at 181 Hillman Street in New Bedford.

Cost is \$35/player and you can now register online at nbpre.com.

Bring your team, and let your game do the talking!



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Fort Rodman flag to honor Fairhaven's Joseph "Charles" Messier, WWII Army Air Veteran

During the month of July, the 46th Lights for Peace flag to fly at the Fort Taber – Fort Rodman Military Museum honors the memory of Joseph "Charles" Messier, formerly of Fairhaven who passed away April 9, 2023 at the age of 101. He served proudly in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a B-17 door gunner during WWII.

Known by his middle name "Charles," he was born in 1922 and was raised in New Bedford, the son of the late Alphonse and Elmire (Vadeboncoeur) Messier. He moved to Fairhaven in 1956 and resided there for the next sixty-seven years. He was the loving husband of the late Mary (Borges) Messier.

Charles served in the US Army Air Corp earning the rank of Sergeant. According to his obituary, during his time in the military, he "participated in five major bombing campaigns as a B-17 door gunner, flying into the pre-invasion countries of Italy, France and the Balkans."

After serving his country, he returned home and was employed by Firestone. He later worked as a presser at the Acushnet Company Golf Division where he was employed for over 30 years.

Charles was a very talented woodworker, which he learned at an early age. He perfected his skill and became a furniture maker as well. Over the years he attended craft shows with his wife, selling his wares. He was also a communicant of St. Mary's Church and was a member of the Fin, Fur and Feather Club in Mattapoisett.

J. Charles Messier passed away on April 9, 2023, at the age of 101, at the Royal Nursing Center in Falmouth. He was the last of six children and was predeceased by his siblings: Leo, Adrien, Edmond and Robert Messier and Annette Hanks. He is survived by several nieces and nephews to include Lucille Kenney of Pawtucket, RI and Raymond Hanks and his wife Bernadette of Mattapoisett. He is also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

Linda Ferreira, of Empire Ford of New Bedford, researches the life histories of area residents. American flags are provided by Empire Ford of New Bedford. Flags are raised by the staff at Fort Taber – Fort Rodman Military Museum. Those who would like to honor a local veteran in the future can contact Ferreira at lferreira@buyempireautogroup.com.



Joseph "Charles" Messier, formerly of Fairhaven.

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Youth Flag Football is coming to Buttonwood Park in New Bedford

The New Bedford Parks, Recreation, & Beaches will be hosting youth flag football this fall at Buttonwood Park. It will begin September 9th and will run through November 6th costing \$125 for residents and \$150 for non residents.

The 7-10 year old group will play from 8:30am-10am, while the 11-13 year old group will play from 10-11:30am.

Registration is now open!

If you have any further questions about the program or any other programs hosted by the New Bedford parks, recreation, and beaches, contact them at: info.prb@newbedford-ma.gov or 508-961-3015.

FALL FLAG FOOTBALL

Location: Buttonwood Park Football field

Starting: September 9th - November 6th

Times: 7-10 y/o - 8:30-10am
11-13 y/o 10-11:30am

Cost:
Residents- \$125
Non-Res \$ 150

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!!





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Celebration of installation of Booker T. Washington mural in New Bedford

"The Pilgrim United Church of Christ is celebrating the installation of a mural of Booker T. Washington at its Church Home, 634 Purchase Street, New Bedford, on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

The mural, painted by New Bedford artist Eden Soares, commemorates Washington's visit to this site in 1895 to raise funds for Tuskegee Institute, a historically black college in Tuskegee, Alabama.

The celebration will be part of August's AHA! events. It will include an introduction to the artist; readings by Elliott Talley from Booker T. Washington's autobiography, *Up from Slavery*; and music by City Councilor Shane Burgo. The mural is being installed by Fernandes Masonry.



Eden Soares. New Bedford Creative Facebook photo."